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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**ST. LOUIS FELON SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
AFTER BEING FOUND WITH FIREARM
NORTH OF THE RIVER**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Louis man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Today's sentencing is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Brian K. Doyle, 42, who is currently incarcerated, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 13 years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 10, 2003, **Doyle** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Doyle** admitted that he was in possession of a Remington .270 caliber rifle and a Benelli Arms 20-gauge shotgun on Jan. 31, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Doyle** has three 1978 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing; two 1981 criminal felony convictions for burglary; one 1987 criminal felony conviction for receiving stolen property; three 2002 criminal felony convictions for tampering and burglary; and eight 2003 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing.

Doyle was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 21, 2003, in Kansas City. He was initially arrested on Jan. 31, 2002, when law enforcement officers discovered him sleeping in a stolen car in the Northland area, Graves said.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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